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January 28, 2019

Mr. Austin Evers
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Re: DOJ-2019-001268 (AG)
VRB:VAV:ERH

Dear Mr. Evers:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 5, 2018 and received in this Office on December 6, 2018, in which you requested any order or directive appointing Matthew Whitaker to the position of Acting Attorney General. This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the Office of the Attorney General, as well as of the electronic database of the Departmental Executive Secretariat, which is the official records repository for the Office of the Attorney General, and one page was located that is responsive to your request. I have determined that this material is appropriate for release without excision, and a copy is enclosed.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2012 & Supp. V 2017). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642; or facsimile at 202-514-1009.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal at <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/>

[action/public/home](#). Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vanessa R. Brinkmann".

Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel

Enclosure

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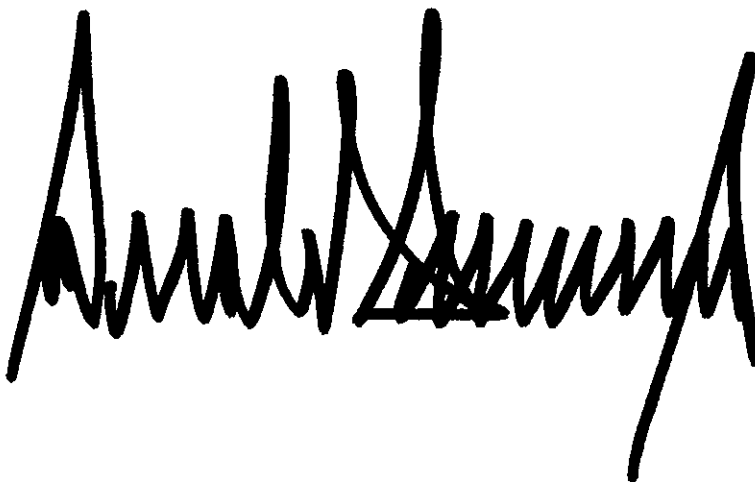
WASHINGTON

November 8, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR MATTHEW GEORGE WHITAKER

Chief of Staff, Department of Justice

Pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 3345(a) of title 5, United States Code, you are directed to perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General, until the position is filled by appointment or subsequent designation.

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Matthew George Whitaker, is centered on the page. The signature is highly stylized and cursive.